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To whom it may concern:

I am very displeased with the proposed settlement the United States Justice Department wants to reward the predatory company Microsoft with its flagrant monopolistic practices. Their desire to stifle competing software in any venue is directly hurting the consumer. The proposal I saw did virtually nothing to protect the common person from this company. Some suggestions for things that need to be done to help other software companies. Certain aspects of the various Microsoft operating systems should be made open, particularly the API's and any file types. There is no reason for file types to remain closed, other than to hurt competition so multiple programs cannot coexist and work with the same files. Internet Explorer should be made an option, with a way of removing it. This is one buggy program which if you have a Windows product leaves port 80 susceptible, not to mention the general assumption of webmasters to take shortcuts and ignore the other browser types. I use Opera 6.0 and Netscape 6.2 which don't work in certain instances not as a fault of their own but more a result of Microsoft's domination through uncompetitive means.

Thank You for your time

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